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Public International Limericks

42 and 48

A wrongful act, practiced at leisure,
Prescribes of contempt, indeed, no small
measure
But if *erga omnes*
Just cut short the blandness
And invoke the breach with some pleasure.

Treaty and Contract

There once was an umbrella clause
Its wording commended applause
For when t'was invoked
The state felt quite smoked
And could not rely on its laws.

Travaux

There once was a treaty provision
Whose phrasing just prompted division
As the Vienna rules too
Made its sense more askew
The parties got on to an excision

The Function of Law in the International Community

The place of international law and its sources
Is not just in books and university courses
It can actually mute
A protracted dispute
And even stop the march of armed forces

Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts, Art. 37

There was a blatantly wrongful action
That still had some great attraction
It was indeed savage
But causing no damage
It did only give rise to satisfaction

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